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Applicant(s): Colin R. Dunstan

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Examiner: Helms, L.

For: Compositions and Methods for the Prevention or
Treatment of Cancer and Bone Loss Associated with
Cancer

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001 in which Claims 23-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 and 103. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

At page 45, replace the third paragraph with the following:

Plasmids encoding OPG[1-194]-Fc, OPG[1-201]-Fc, OPG[1-194]-FcΔC, OPG[1-201]-FcΔC, OPG[1-194]-FcG₁₀, and metFcΔC-OPG[22-194] for use in producing the corresponding OPG fusion polypeptides are constructed generally as described in WO97/23614 and in copending U.S. Serial No. 09/389,545, filed September 3, 1999, both of which are incorporated by reference. The polypeptide sequences are shown in Figures 3-8, respectively.

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